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SUBJECT: US REPRESENTATIONS ON CIEC: BELGIUM

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED US VIEWS ON CIEC DIALOGUE REFTEL WITH THUYSBAERT, CHEF DE CABINET ADJOINT, BELGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, WHO SAID THAT FOREIGN OFFICE AGREES IN GENERAL WITH US APPROACH. THUYSBAERT, WHO WAS IN PARIS FOR CIEC MEETING, WAS CRITICAL OF BOTH G-8 CO-CHAIRMAN MACEACHEN AND G-19 CO-CHAIRMAN PEREZ-GUERRERO, BLAMING THEM BOTH FOR CONTRIBUTING TO IMPASSE AT CIEC JULY MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO THUYSBAERT, CERTAIN OF THE POORER LDCS, NOT MEMBERS OF CIEC, WHO FELT THAT THE G-19 WERE NOT REPRESENTING THEIR POSITIONS ADEQUATELY, PRESSED THEIR DEMANDS ON THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND WERE GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT. IT WAS THIS ALLEGED UNRESPONSIVENESS BY CO-CHAIRMEN WHICH FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES LED TO THE INTRANSIGENCY BY THE LDCS ON THE WORK PROGRAMS OF COMMISSIONS.

2. BELGIANS CONCLUDE FROM THEIR EVALUATION OF CIEC MEETING THAT THERE IS URGENT NEED TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PARTIES TO THE DIALOGUE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST BE MORE OPEN AND FLEXIBLE IN HEARING OUT THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN THE G-19. FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES THAT, WHILE TACTICS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ESTABLISHING CONFIDENCE, THERE MUST ALSO BE SUBSTANTIVE INPUT. FOREIGN OFFICE REGARDS THE DEBT ISSUE AS THE KEY QUESTION FOR THE LDCS AND IS CONVINCED THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST BE PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING MORE THAN SO FAR AGREED UPON TOWARD SATISFYING THE DEMANDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THUYSBAERT SAID THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S RECENT DISCUSSION OF THE DEVT ISSUE WAS RESULTING IN PROGRESS TOWARD A UNIFIED EC POSITION (REF EC BRUSSELS 7361 AND 7415). HE URGED SIMILAR REVIEW BY US OF ITS POSITION ON DEBT.
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3. ON QUESTION OF TACTICS, FOREIGN OFFICE SUPPORTS US VIEW ON NEED FOR G-8 EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CURRENT IMPASSE AND FOR CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT AMONG G-8 OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS. DAVIGNON'S INVITATION FOR MEETING OF SELECTED IEA MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 8 REFLECTS THIS APPROACH (BRUSSELS 7322). THUYSBAERT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT G-8 SOLIDARITY WHICH RESULTS IN OBVIOUS UNIFIED

RESISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PROPOSALS WILL INTENSIFY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' RESENTMENT TOWARD G-8 AND SHOULD BE
HANDLED WITH MORE SENSITIVITY THAN HERETOFORE. HE WAS
UNABLE TO EXPAND ON THIS THOUGHT AS TO HOW THIS COULD BE
ACCOMPLISHED BUT SAID THAT TACTICS NEEDED CAREFUL REVIEW.
(THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS STANDING GENERAL BELGIAN
CONCERN THAT CONFRONTATION BE AVOIDED). IN THIS CONNECTION,
FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONCERNED THAT UPCOMING MEETING OF COLOMBO
COUNTRIES WILL ALSO RESULT IN HARDENING OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES' DEMANDS.HINTON

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